CLAIMS AS AMENDED

1.   (Currently Amended) A method comprising:

(a)   communicating on demand, from an information server through a wide area network to a device connected to the wide area network information from a database populated by a multiplicity of entries denoting availability for a venue;

(b)   displaying the information including a plurality of available individual seats at the venue such that an end user connected to the wide area network can view the information on a client node unaffiliated with the server, the client node having no dedicated resident ticket vending software that is an aid in determining supports selecting a specific individual seat conforming to a need of the end user;

(c)   providing over the wide area network to the end user the capability of interactively selecting the specific individual seat from among the plurality of individual seats displayed;

(d)   receiving from the end user a selection of the specific individual seat;

(e)   accepting over the wide area network from the end user a payment for the seat;

(f)   returning over the wide area network to the end user verification of the successful completion of the payment.

2.   (Previously Presented) The method described in claim 1 wherein the seat sought is for a theater or theater type setting.

3.   (Previously Presented) The method described in claim 1 wherein the seat sought is for a stadium type setting.

4.   (Previously Presented) The method described in claim 1 wherein the seat sought is for an airplane or airliner.

5.   (Cancelled)

6.   (Previously Amended) The method described in claim 1 wherein a communication connection between the information server and the end user includes one of a wire, a cable, and a telephone line connection.

7-10.   (Cancelled)

11.   (Previously Amended) The method described in claim 1 wherein a communication connection between the information server and the end user includes a satellite link.

12–15. (Cancelled)

16.   (Previously Amended) The method described in claim 1 wherein a communication connection between the information server and the end user includes a wireless link.

17.   (Previously Amended) The method described in claim 2 wherein a communication connection between the information server and the end user is wireless.

18–23. (Cancelled)

24.   (Currently Amended) A method comprising:

        receiving at a server a request for a venue from a web browser executing on a client node remote from the server;

transmitting, responsive to the request, from the server an indication of specific availability including a representation of a plurality of specific individual seats available in the venue, the indication of specific availability directed to the client node;

receiving at the server a specific indication of a client preference identifying a particular individual seat for purchase from the plurality of specific individual seats available; and

removing the client preference from any future indication of specific availability.

25.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 24, further comprising:

retrieving from a database an image showing a view from the seat indicated by the client preference;

transmitting the image to the client.

26.   (Original) The method of claim 24, wherein the indication of specific availability includes a graphical representation of at least a portion of a seating chart for the venue, and wherein the graphical representation shows availability seats in a first representation and previously sold seats in a second representation.

27.   (Original) The method of claim 24, wherein the indication of the specific availability is transmitted as one of a hypertext markup language page and a java applet.

28.   (Original) The method of claim 26 further comprising:

linking the representation of a seat to an image of a view from that seat.

29.   (Original) The method of claim 24 further comprising:

accepting payment information at the server sufficient to permit access to the specific client preference;

conducting an electronic payment transaction; and

providing an electronic receipt.

30.   (Currently Amended) A method comprising:

requesting information about a venue across a wide area network (WAN) from a client node to

be supplied by an unaffiliated server node, the client node having no dedicated resident ticket vending

software that is an aid in determining supports selecting a specific individual seat conforming to a need

of the end user;

receiving an indication of available individual seats in the venue for purchase at the client node

the indication including a representation of a plurality of available individual seats;

selecting by the user from the plurality of individual seats available a specific seat for purchase;

and

receiving an indication that the specific seat has been reserved through the server node.

31.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 30 wherein the indication of available individual

seats includes a graphical representation of at least a portion of a seating chart for the venue, and

wherein the graphical representation shows available seats in a first representation and previously sold

seats in a second representation.

32.   (Original) The method of claim 31 wherein selecting comprises:

clicking on a desired seat.

33.   (Original) The method of claim 32 further comprising:

receiving an image of a view from the desired seat responsive to the clicking.

34.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 30 further comprising:

supplying payment information for the specific seat; and

receiving an electronic receipt sufficient to permit access to the seat.